

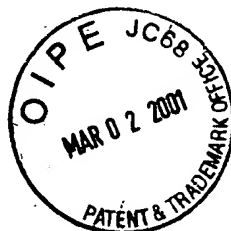


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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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  - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.) (see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

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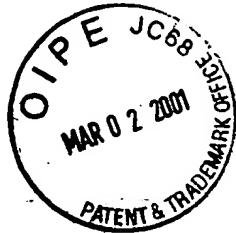
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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated January 2, 2001, submitted herewith are six (6) sheets of formal drawings comprising of figures 1 - 6 for the above-identified patent application.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment to Applicant's deposit account 50-0510 (International Business Machines Corporation - Yorktown)

Respectfully submitted,

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